GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE FOR DIVERSIFICATION OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sought financial assistance for diversification of agriculture in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government of Maharashtra has submitted a Concept Paper on AgriculturalIntensification and diversification Project for an amount of Rs.1792.50 crores for seeking external assistance. The project has been designed for a period of five years to treat an area of 2.5 million ha.

(c): The proposal has been examined in the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India andforwarded to planning Commission for approval/comments.